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SHORT, et al.)	Group Art Unit: 1646
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Serial No.: 09/997,807)	Examiner: Unknown
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Title: METHOD OF MAKING A)	
PROTEIN POLYMER AND USES OF)	
THE POLYMER)	

Assistant Commissioner For Patents
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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Preliminary to the examination of the above-identified application, please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows before examining the patent application on merit. For the convenience of the Examiner, all the currently pending claims are attached below.

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 3-30, 32-33, 41, 43, 45, 60, 62, 67, 85-90, 93-101, 105 and 107-109 to read as follows. Please add new claims 113-131 as set forth below.

3. (Amended) The drug delivery system as claimed in claim 1, wherein each of the plurality of polypeptides comprises an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of:

(a) an amino acid sequence selected from SEQ ID NOS. 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10;